

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 959

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Houston Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America on the grand occasion of its 40th anniversary celebration and salute to gospel music legends of Houston; and

WHEREAS, The formal gala is taking place in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston on July 13, 2009, and includes a reception, dinner, gospel music entertainment, and an awards ceremony; and

WHEREAS, The Houston Chapter is a division of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Incorporated, founded in 1967 by the late Reverend James Cleveland; the organization's mission is to spread the art of gospel music and promote its formal study; and

WHEREAS, The Houston Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America and the nonprofit Center for Social and Economic Empowerment are sponsoring the event, whose proceeds will benefit the GMWA Houston Chapter Scholarship Fund and finance a 40th year commemorative recording; and

WHEREAS, For four decades, the Houston Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America has preserved and nurtured gospel music; its membership includes many phenomenally gifted individuals who are legendary for their exceptional talent and their significant contributions to the gospel music industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate members of the Houston Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America on its 40th anniversary and extend best wishes to all for a splendid celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of the special occasion.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 19, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate